

A reading from the book of Isaiah

See, I am creating new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
nor come to mind.

Instead, shout for joy and be glad forever
in what I am creating.

Indeed, I am creating Jerusalem
to be a joy and its people to be a delight;
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and exult in my people.

No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or
the sound of crying;

no longer shall there be in it an infant
who lives but a few days,
nor anyone who does not live a full lifetime;
one who dies at a hundred years
shall be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred
shall be thought accursed.

They shall build houses and live in them,
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

The Word of the Lord